MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I was constrained to put this question due to the Legal Remembrancer's statement that the statement was incorrect.

PRESIDENT: Supposing a newspaper man speculates and states that no more judges will be appointed from the Bar, We cannot penalise him for that view. It is open to the journalists to speculate on the matter.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: But their statement should be correct.

PRESIDENT: There was no statement at all. I went into the matter and they have said only "We understand from enquiry that the recruitment from the Bar is not likely....." How can that be contradicted? It may be that it is not likely. That is all that the paper stated.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the Government would be pleased to consider again the statement made by the A. P. I?

PRESIDENT: Not at all. The A. P. I. is a news agency just like other news agencies. If it says that it understands on reliable authority, or that the Government wants it to notify or that the Government's policy is as follows, then it carries intrinsic weight. But the A. P. I. is entitled just like other journalists to guess and it is not prohibited from giving currency to tendentious publications or from influencing or trying to influence Government. They are entitled to do this just as other journalists.

Recruitment to the Judiciary from the Bar.

291. MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to a recent statement by the Associated Press of India from Trivandrum, published in some of the leading dailies in the State, that there will not be any recruitment to the Judiciary from the Bar for some time;

(*b*) whether Government have arrived at any such decision;

(*c*) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(*d*) whether it indicates any change in the present policy of recruitment to the Judiciary?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The statement, referred to, was not one issued on behalf of Government.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of answer to (*a*) these do not arise.

Recruitment to the Judiciary from the Bar.

292. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided not to recruit judicial officers from the Bar for some time to come;

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons that prompted them to make the above decision; and

(*c*) the period during which the above decision is intended to be boraded to?

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